GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4242
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UNIFORM SUPPLY OF COAL BY MCL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether MCL has adopted uniform fuel supply agreement for all its consumers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Coal being supplied by the Mahanadi Coalfields to Andhra Pradesh is of lower quality than its billing rate;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Andhra Pradesh has requested the Central Government to sort out these irregularities;

(f) if so, the response of the Union Government thereto; and

(g) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to alleviate their problems?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a)&(b) : MCL has adopted separate model fuel supply agreements for different consuming sectors like Independent Power Producers (IPPs), Captive Power Plants(CPPs), State Electricity Boards(SEBs), Cement, Sponge Iron Units etc.

(c)&(d) : It is not a fact that coal being supplied by MCL to Andhra Pradesh is of lower quality than its billing rate. Coal of 'F' grade is being supplied and is being billed accordingly.

(e)&(f) : Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh had recently written to the Ministry of Coal about quality and grades of MCL coal, joint sampling, price of coal and fuel supply agreements. A detailed reply has been sent by the Ministry of Coal to the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh duly addressing all related issues.

(g) : Coal Supply Agreement between Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corporation(APGENCO) and MCL is in advance stage of finalisation, and most of the outstanding issues have been sorted out in a recent meeting.